

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1. (Cancelled).

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the extinguishing nozzles feature nozzle inserts which generate an extinguishing mist.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the resting pressure is equal to the ambient pressure.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the resting pressure is greater than the ambient pressure, and the supply line comprises a pressure sensor.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein several extinguishing nozzles are connected to the connection end of the supply line by a branching element.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 5, wherein the extinguishing nozzles are in each case connected via an intermediate line to the branching element.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A device for extinguishing fires comprising:  
extinguishing nozzles arranged in areas of a structure;  
a supply line filled with extinguishing fluid;  
an extinguishing fluid supply device; and  
a bursting disk, wherein said extinguishing nozzles are connected to a connection end of the supply line connecting the extinguishing nozzles to the extinguishing fluid supply device, said fluid supply device imposing the extinguishing fluid under pressure onto the supply line in the event of fire and wherein the bursting disk is arranged about

within the connection end of the supply line, said bursting disk bursting when the extinguishing fluid in the supply line reaches a predetermined bursting pressure, so that the extinguishing fluid flows unimpeded into the extinguishing nozzles, wherein the extinguishing fluid fills the supply line and is at a resting pressure which is lower than the bursting pressure when the device for extinguishing fires is in a quiescent state.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 7, wherein the structure comprises buildings or ships.